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### FROM CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, May 4.—The Convention called for the organizing of a separate government for East Tennessee, met at Knoxville yesterday. Judge Samuel Rodgers presided. The Judge said he hoped the members would act deliberately, and with caution. This was but an adjourned meeting of the Convention at Greenville, held during the dark hours of the rebellion. We propose to continue the movement. It is no secession movement. If we succeed, it will be from western people to give you, the people of East Tennessee, a long desired separate State Government, and the new State can be made the richest in the Union.

At the conclusion of the Judge's remarks, Col. Temple, from the Committee on Resolutions and business, reported an address, which was unanimously adopted, stating that the scheme has been long cherished by East Tennessee. The people of the State differ in soil, habit and custom. The differences are irradicable. West of the mountains all are rebels; East all are Union. To protect ourselves we must disfranchise them. We will not be dragged into false positions as to the Union, by other Southern States. We believe a separate government best, that we may live in peace, and develop our resources.

The address concludes with statistics in regard to population, number of square miles, mineral resources, &c. Mr. James, delegate from Hamilton, offered resolutions opposing the address of the committee, and advising a postponement of the question until Congress decides Tennessee a State.

This resolution was almost unanimously voted down. After an eloquent address by Col. Nelson in support of the movement, the President of the Convention was requested to appoint a committee of three to bring the question before the Legislature. The committee was appointed to report on it as to the people of East Tennessee.

River fallen 30 inches; 21 feet in the channel. Weather clear. Thermometer 59.

CINCINNATI, May 4.—The new residence of Henry Starwig, at Clifton, was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss \$40,000. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

CINCINNATI, May 4.—The tow-boat Nick W. Hughes exploded her boilers last night at Randolph, near Memphis, killing nine persons, among whom were Capt. Van Dorn and wife, and head engineer.

### NEWS VIA NEW YORK.

New York, May 4.—The Times' Washington special says that the President is now preparing an answer to a resolution of the House, a statement of the number and names of all who have been granted the amnesty pardon; and a particular statement of the value of the property that has been restored to the original owners. The value of the property is not stated, but I learn that the number of pardons is something over one thousand, and with but few exceptions the persons pardoned are private citizens.

Before the adjournment of the late Texas State Constitutional Convention, a resolution was adopted which appointed four of its members, Messrs. J. W. Hudson, R. H. Lane, J. A. Porter and John Hancock, a committee to visit Washington, and lay before the President the result of the deliberations of the Convention; these delegates arrived here and called upon Mr. Johnson the official copies of the Ordinances adopted by the Convention, declaring the ordinance of secession null and void; repudiating the rebel debt; giving freedmen a right to testify in the courts, &c.

The month of May opens well for the Internal Revenue. The Treasurer has received four millions eight hundred and seventy-three thousand eight hundred and eighty-three dollars in the past three days. Mr. Sherman's Thirty Year Five per cent. Loan bill is freely canvassed in all quarters, and a favorable opinion as to its practicability and success is rapidly increasing. A strong evidence of this is seen in the rapid appropriation of 10-40s. There is a strong possibility of the passage of the bill.

In answer to numerous inquiries from Custom Officers, the Secretary of the Treasury says that refined petroleum, not less than 105 degrees, Fahrenheit, is not included in the prohibition as to the transportation set forth in the circular of April 7th ult., and also decided that petroleum can be transported in barges towed by passenger steamers without the license required by the circular above named.

The Tribune's Washington special says that General Hancock's Military Board are now examining breech-loading rifles for the purpose of substituting a new model for the Springfield muzzle-loading rifle, is rapidly drawing to a close. Thus far nearly fifty patterns have been examined, and the best of them are now being tested on strength, penetration, range and accuracy. All inventors in order to secure an examination must present them previous to May 21, as none will be inspected after that date. The report will then be made up and will probably be completed by June 1st.

Reports of the Intelligence Office for Freedmen, at Alexandria, for April, show that 241 applications have been made for servants; 146 freed people have applied for employment; 164 were furnished with employment; \$136 were received as fees for awarding contracts.

There are 100,000 letters delivered to the City Office monthly, at Washington, and 60,000 to 70,000 collected per month.

The World's Washington special says: Judge Underwood, who is now here, states that the grand jury, which meets at Norfolk on Monday, will bring in a bill against Jefferson Davis for treason. This is the first step. As soon, therefore, as the House Judiciary Committee have acted upon the subject, which will probably be within the next ten days, the Government will be ready to proceed with his trial, provided Congress throws no obstacle in the way. The Committee, however, are trying very hard to make out a case which will warrant them in having his trial before a Military Commission. In this they will fail, as the President does not intend to have him, or any other person connected with the rebellion, tried in any other way than before a civil tribunal.

New York, May 4.—The Fenian fury in this city seems to be turned upon the leaders. O'Mahoney has been arrested, tried, made to disgorge, and deposed, and it is now the intention to arrest and try Stephens on his arrival here, which is anticipated on the 9th. He is accused of complicity in the acts for which O'Mahoney was tried. The Fenian Senate meets to-morrow.

An injunction has been granted, on application of several stockholders of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, restraining the directors from disposing of certain vessels of the Company, on the ground of fraud in the purchase of one of them. The argument is set for to-day.

The Herald's Kingston (Jamaica) correspondent, under date of April 24th, says: The commissioners, instructed to investigate the causes and origin of the late rebellion are busily engaged in preparing their report.

Great anxiety exists as to the probable contents of this important paper, the friends of Governor Eyre claiming that the testimony as to premeditation, extent, and affiliation with the enemies of the Colonial Constitution in London have been so clearly proved as to insure the honorable acquittal of that gentleman, on the ground that his measures were all necessary for a prompt suppression of the outbreak. On the other hand, it is said that evidence has been given to show that the military demoralization was so wide-spread under his rule that men were shot without any pretence of a trial, the surgeon of a West India regiment having ordered the execution of three on his own account. The Church and clergymen are very much agitated.

The Commercial's Washington special says that the officers of the Merchants' National Bank, of Washington, attribute their failure to the large amount of loans to Bayne & Co., stock brokers, at Baltimore, who have suspended.

Thirty of the Virginia's passengers have been brought to the city; there has been no sickness among them. The steamer passengers of the England will be permitted to come up this evening.

### FROM BOSTON.

Boston, May 4.—Capt. Wm. H. Grace, who claims to be one of the oldest Fenians in New England, publishes a card in the Post of this city, detailing the recent abortive attempt to invade the eastern British Provinces. He says the expedition was approved by O'Mahoney and commanded by Killian, and that the latter asserted that an iron war vessel, loaded with arms, was to meet them at Eastport, and a landing on British territory was to be made on the night of the arrival, and that after the expedition had started, O'Mahoney countermanded the sailing of the vessel, and threw other obstacles in the way, which led to its failure. Capt. Grace denounces O'Mahoney, and urges all good Fenians to rally under the banner of Sweeney.

St. Louis, May 4.—Gen. Sherman, accompanied by Col. McCoy and his staff, left here yesterday morning on an extensive tour along the eastern terminus of the Pacific Railroad. He proceeds through Wisconsin, thence to Fort Leavenworth, where he will organize a military corps of guards and engineers, and his route will then be to Fort Riley, Fort Kearney, Sioux City, Omaha City, Fort Ridgely, St. Paul, Fort Ripley, the head of Lake Superior, Mount Marquette, thence, probably, to Chicago and St. Louis. A full report of the prospects of the differently projected roads will be made.

### FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—In the interview between the President and the delegation appointed by the Texas Convention, Judah Hancock concluded his address as follows: We should feel that we had only partially performed our duty to the people of our State, were we to omit expressing to your Excellency our cordial approbation of your course as the President of the United States. A perusal of your restoration policy—the equal rights of all sections of the country—has revived fresh hope in many a despairing heart, that the same generation which has experienced the most terrible shock in modern times, will see civil and constitutional liberty restored throughout the entire land.

The Merchants' National Bank of Washington failed to-day. The extent of its circulation is one hundred and eighty thousand dollars, which, however, is secured by U. S. bonds. Crowds of private depositors were on the ground to-day, lamenting their supposed loss. Some of them had confided in the bank to the extent of twenty thousand dollars.

### FROM OSWEGO.

OSWEGO, May 4.—Capt. Fisher, of the schooner Corsican, which vessel arrived this morning from Hamilton, C. W., reports that when near Oakville he picked up a skiff with two boys nearly exhausted, and a girl who had died from exposure. It was ascertained that the skiff had drifted from Oakville with two boys and three girls, but two girls were washed overboard and drowned. Their ages were under fifteen.

### FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Statistics published to-day show that the cost of living in San Francisco has diminished one-half within the past year.

The steamer Continental, which brought the female emigrants from New York, is expected to arrive to-morrow. The Western Union Telegraph Company's bark, Clara Bell, Captain Sutton, sailed for Petropoulski yesterday, with a detachment of Colonel Bulkeley's expeditionary force to renew operations for the building of the overland telegraph line to Russia.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—The steamer Constitution from Panama, arrived to-day. Edwin Forrest, the Tragedian, was a passenger on her.

Australia dates of February 10th, are received. They report destructive floods in that colony.

Consul Godey, Liberal, has official dates from Elvas Del Norte, to March 30th, announcing that the Liberals took the city of Chihuahua, March 6th, after two days' hard fighting, capturing three hundred prisoners, among whom was Julio Chanza, Imperial Mayor of Chihuahua. On the 22d the Liberals captured the city of Hidalgo Del Parral, by assault. The authorities, it is said, will restore the State of Chihuahua to the Liberal Government, in China. At Santa Bello, the Liberals defeated the Imperialists, killing 131 and capturing 166. Bryant, the French commander, was slain. The enemy's artillery and munitions of war, all fell into the hands of the Liberals.

### BOMBARDMENT OF VALPARAISO.

DISPATCH FROM COM. RODGERS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

The following dispatches relative to the bombardment of Valparaiso, have been received at the Navy Department:

U. S. STEAMSHIP VANDERBILT, VALPARAISO, March 31, '66. Sir—I have the honor to announce that upon my arrival in this port with the squadron under my command, I called upon the English Admiral, who had informed me that he intended to prevent any sudden bombardment, and would only suffer it after ample notice. To this I made no reply, but having considered the matter, sought the occasion the next day to say that I would join him in preventing a sudden bombardment, and that I would also go as much further as he chose.

I assured him that the Monadnock could take care of the Numancia; that from the experiments I had witnessed, I was absolutely certain that in less than thirty minutes the Monadnock would leave only the masts and the wooden vessels above water, and that our wooden vessels, English and American, could look out for the wooden vessels of the Spaniards.

In this offering to go beyond the letter of my instruction to observe a strict neutrality, I acted upon the supposition that neutrality among the

nations did not preclude all well directed efforts to keep the peace among them, that as a peaceable citizen is not obliged to stand by inert while another is suffering from the unlawful violence of a third person, but may justly interfere with force to prevent an infraction of the laws—a murder, for example, so a nation, witnessing the like disturbance among her sister nations, need not rest absolutely impassive, but with sincere neutrality, might interpose with force, if necessary, to keep the operations of billigerents at least within the law for the protection of neutral persons and neutral property.

I am aware that action in the premises on our part involves great responsibility, but I have come to the conclusion that, with England as an ally, it was my duty now to aid them. I told the English Admiral what I had written, and frankly added that his commerce was more extensive than ours, and more convenient to the coast of Spain; but as we had more to suffer in consequence of a rupture with Spain, that his interests in Chili rose to thousands, while ours were only hundreds.

The English Admiral said at first he would go with me, for I plainly declared that I would not take a step without him. I said that I had no intention of becoming a cats-paw to draw European chestnuts out of the fire, and then have the power I served, laughing at my singed paws while they enjoyed the fruits of my temerity. The English Admiral finally determined to throw the responsibility upon the English Minister, who did not choose to act in the premises.

English co-operation having failed, no separate action on my part was taken, as none had been proposed. I have used such measures as I could to bring about an accommodation, but without success.

This morning, at 9 o'clock, the Spanish Admiral opened upon the town with shot and shell, directing his fire principally against the public buildings and houses. After a continuous fire of two hours and fifty minutes, the firing ceased, and the Spanish Admiral withdrew his vessels. Four of the stone buildings connected with the custom house were entirely destroyed, with their contents, and other adjoining buildings used for the same purpose were much injured.

The value of the merchandise destroyed in these was vaguely estimated at some \$22,000,000. The Government House, the Exchange, and the railroad buildings were damaged to a considerable extent. Naturally and inevitably, parts of the city which the Spanish Admiral declared many of his missiles. Several blocks of private buildings were destroyed by fire, and churches and hospitals were not exempt from injury. Only a few lives were lost—not more than eight or ten.

I enclose herewith a copy of the letters addressed to me by the foreign residents of Valparaiso, representing nearly all the nations of Christendom, bearing an official character, with a copy of my answer; also, copies of the manifesto and letter of the Spanish Admiral. When I was assured that the English Admiral was determined not to resist the bombardment, I called upon him and said that, as I did not propose to drift to a collision when I had no purpose to collide, I should move my vessels out of the way of the Spanish. This intention was communicated verbally to the Spanish Admiral.

Thrust by circumstances into a position in which it became necessary to take some part, I felt a natural anxiety to know whether the one I took meets with the approbation of the Government.

In my whole course I have conferred freely with our Minister, General Kilpatrick, and desired the benefit of his advice and assistance. In all I have done or offered to do, he has been consulted, and has freely concurred. If his name has not been mentioned before, it was because I did not wish to break the continuity of my narrative, and not because I am without a strong sense of obligation for his co-operation. I have the honor to be your obedient servant.

JOHN RODGERS, Commodore.  
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